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Ms. Emma Best  
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Dear Ms. Best:

This is further to our 5 October 2018 letter regarding your 20 September 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following: **emails, letters, memos, notes and other communications or documents regarding high visibility FOIAs, which are FOIA requests expected to cause a reaction in the media, the public, and/or other parts of the government. This request may be limited to materials produced on or after January 1, 2001.**

Despite our best efforts, we have determined that we are unable to conduct a reasonable search for records responsive to your request as written. Your request as written does not reasonably describe the records sought, as it does not identify the specific records which you seek, but rather would require CIA to make a subjective judgment about which types of records would satisfy the request. In order to allow us to process your request, it is necessary that you reframe or scope your request to seek specific records for which we can conduct a reasonable search. We apologize for any inconvenience.

In an effort to assist you, after consulting with the appropriate subject matter experts for suggestions, we propose to search for “reports, sent from CIA’s Information Management Services (IMS) to CIA’s Office of Public Affairs (OPA) highlighting FOIA requests for OPA’s awareness, produced on or after January 1, 2001.” Please confirm your agreement to proceed as we have suggested or, if you do not agree with our suggestion, propose a different way to scope your request. We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days pending your response. If we do not hear from you within the 45-day period, we will assume that you agree with our proposed search and will proceed on this basis.

This letter serves to withdraw and replace our prior correspondence to you on this matter, dated 5 October 2018. With respect to your request for a fee waiver, CIA has determined, as a matter of administrative discretion, to waive any applicable fees associated with the processing of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riggs Monfort".

Riggs Monfort  
Information and Privacy Coordinator